

Maine EMS Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2007, 9:30 A.M.
De Champlain Conference Room
Maine Department of Public Safety, Augusta, ME

Present: Dan Batsie - Chair, Brian Langerman, Kevin Gurney, Tiffany Stebbins, Cheri Volta, Daryl Boucher

Staff: Drexell White

Guests: Steve Diaz, Liz Delano

I. Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Batsie

II. Introductions/ Public Comment

None required

III. Additions to Agenda

Helmet Removal (Batsie)

IV. Acceptance of Past Minutes

The August 8, 2007 meeting minutes were reviewed

Motion: To accept the August 8, 2007 meeting minutes (Stebbins; second by Boucher – carries unanimously)

V. Staff Report

Drexell reported that:

- Interviews will scheduled for Education Coordinator Candidates

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Accreditation Work Session

Daryl Boucher gave an overview of the work that has been done and indicated that all of the sources of accreditation that were researched contain similar requirements. He also noted that the Maine EMS Course Approval Criteria document currently in place within the Maine EMS system contains many of the requirements found in accreditation models.

Boucher said that the accreditation models do contain things not found in the Maine EMS Course Approval Criteria document such as:

- Public education requirements
- Education Advisory Committees representative of the population served
- Outcomes assessment tools and process:
 - a. Record Keeping;
 - b. Student and program pass/fail rates;
 - c. Graduation and job placement statistics

Dan stated that the immediate goal concerning accreditation was to have a draft document to the Ops team for its October 2007 meeting and that a working plan for accreditation implementation be in place by January 1, 2008.

VII. Protocol Revisions to Date and Impact

A. Helmet Removal

Committee members discussed the current helmet removal protocol and recommendations from the Maine Athletic Trainers association.

Motion: That the Medical Direction and Practices Board revise Maine EMS' helmet removal protocol consistent with recommendations from the Maine Athletic Trainers Association (MATA) and the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) (Gurney; second by Boucher – motion carries)

B. Curriculum Issues

i. Gold/Eric Wellman

Eric Wellman provided the committee with an overview of changes and education requirements for changes to the “Gold” section of the protocol revisions.

Green and red sections of the protocol have been will be presented at next month's meeting by Tiffany Stebbins and Liz Delano, respectively.

VIII. Central Line Education

Daryl Boucher reported on his review of the Central Line training program. Discussion ensued about potential issues surrounding Central Line Access, including risk of infection. Given the approval of and training in adult intra-osseous devices in Maine, members saw no benefit in maintaining a Central Line training program or in allowing access of central lines by pre-hospital personnel.

Motion: Given the advent of adult intra-osseous training and protocol in Maine, the education committee recommends that access to central lines be removed as a Maine EMS training option and that the MDPB remove it from protocol (Wellman; second by Langerman – motion carries - unanimous)

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 10, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

Respectfully submitted,
Drexell White